

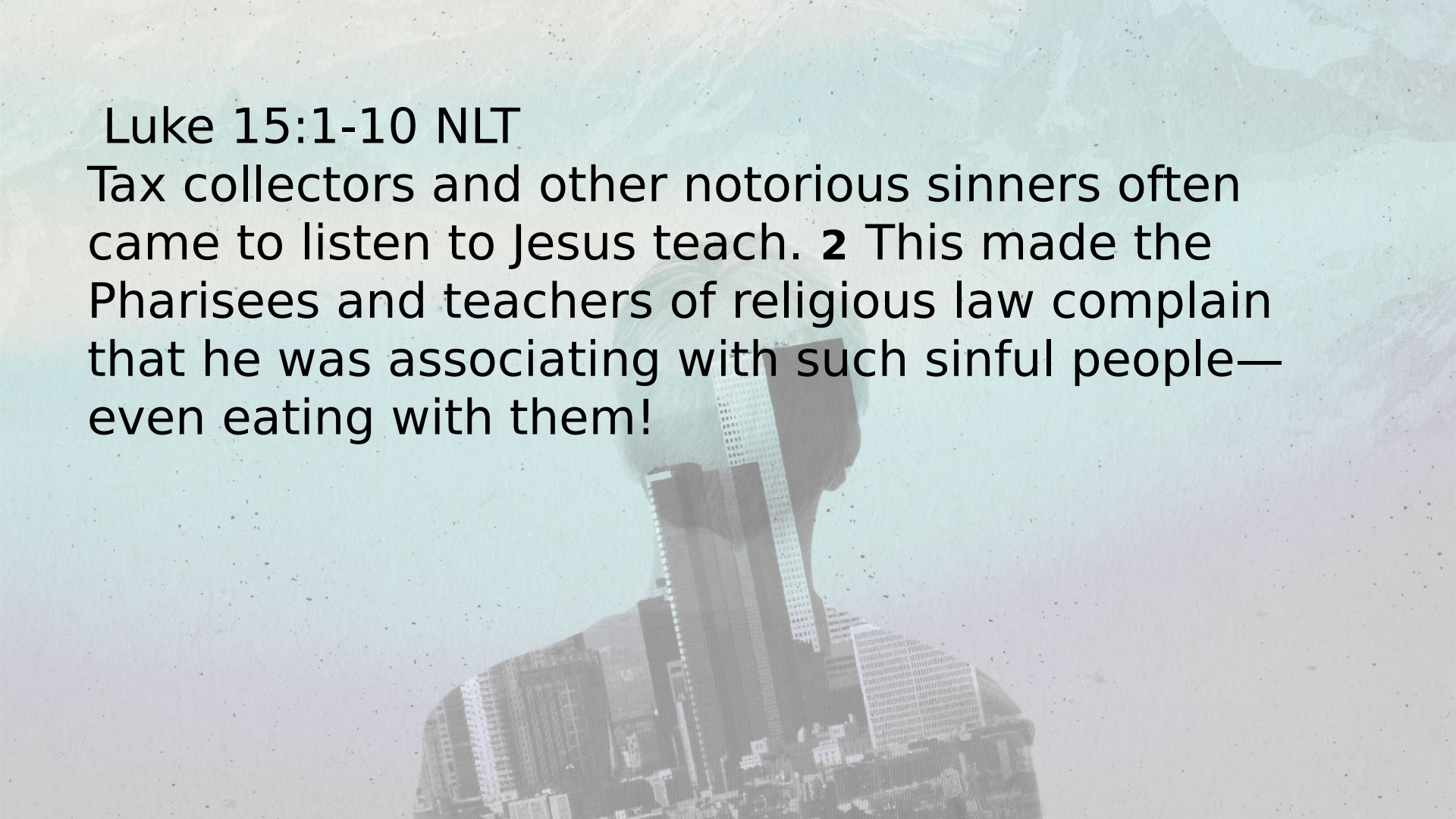
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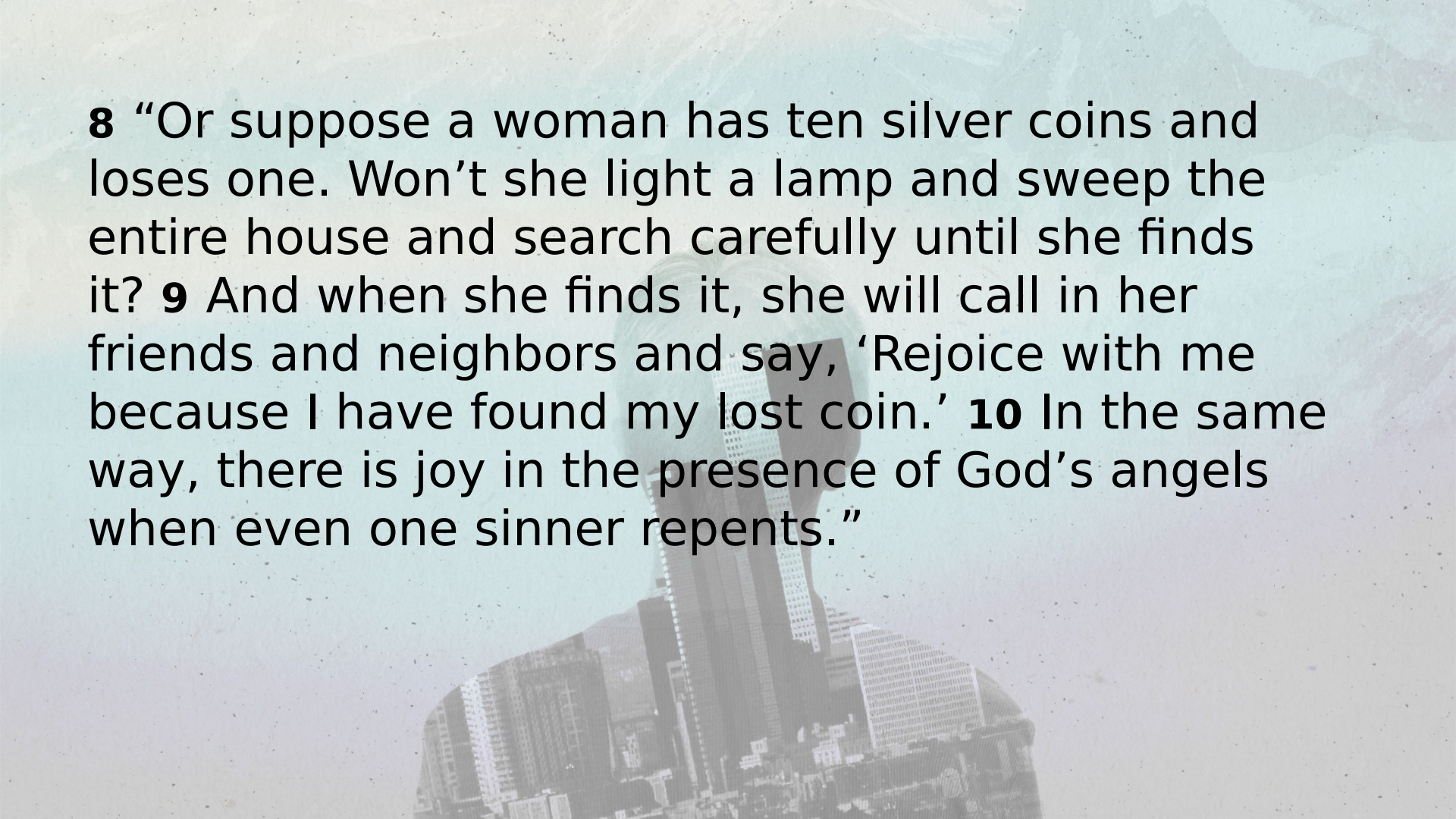
WEEK 1

Luke 15:1-10 NLT

Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. **2** This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!



3 So Jesus told them this story: **4** “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it? **5** And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. **6** When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ **7** In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!”

A faint background image of a city skyline with a woman's silhouette. The woman is in the foreground, looking down, with her hair and shoulders visible. The city skyline is in the background, featuring several tall buildings. The overall image has a light, hazy appearance.

8 “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it? **9** And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.’ **10** In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”

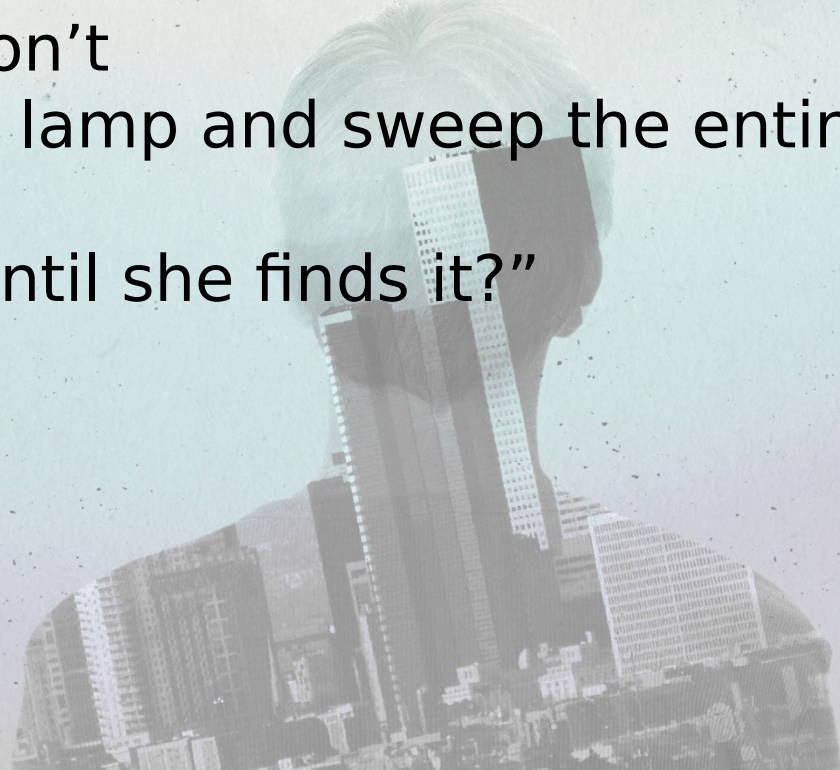
I. In both stories the object being **searched** for had great **value** to the one doing the **searching.**

Luke 15:4 NLT

“If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it”?

Luke 15:8 LT

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it?”



II. In both stories God is activity searching for the lost.

Luke 15:4b NLT

“Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?”

Luke 15:8b NLT

“Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it?”



III. In both stories a **celebration** takes place when a lost item is **found**.

Luke 15:5-7 NLT

“And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders. **6** When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ **7** In the same way, there is more

Luke 15:9-10 NLT

“And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and

neighbors and say, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my

lost coin.’ **10** In the same way, there is joy in the presence of

God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”